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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

**Ouch...!**

## BAYUTTI GIVES HINT OF RETURN

— By PAUL DEAN —

Jim Bayutti, undoubtedly Australian soccer's most colorful and dominant character, is prepared to make a come-back from retirement.

However, he is willing to do this only if certain conditions were met.

Jim Bayutti resigned from all his high posts in both the ASF and NSW Federations some two months ago.

He never made it a secret that deep frustration with the code's administration made him leave the game into which he has put so much over the years.

Now Bayutti is willing to return to at least the NSW management — if certain reforms are carried out.

"I am convinced that soccer should be run by less people than it is done now," he said this week.

"You cannot ask a Parliament to make decisions in every paltry matter, yet this is happening now in Sydney.

"I feel that about three people should be appointed for two or three years to run the game.

"Give them much wider powers than in the past and I'm sure they could get things done."

Meanwhile, both the management committee and the clubs are groping in semi-darkness to find a way out of the present administrative impasse.

The management committee, now reduced to seven men through the resignations of Frank Parsons and Arthur George,

intends to invite First Division club representatives to appear before them and report about their problems.

The chances are that soon the management committee will hear of so many problems and complaints that they will have to set up a special sub-committee just to list them.

However, it is a commendable start and at least shows that the management committee acknowledges the existence of grievances.

The First Division clubs last week met in the APIA club in what has been aptly described as a "Mini-Council meeting."

While the only item on the agenda was to suggest reforms in the administration, the majority of club representatives were submerged in a flood of criticism and counter-criticism.

Only a handful of club delegates had positive ideas while some, rather surprisingly, claimed that there was "nothing wrong with the code's administration."

Next week the club presidents and secretaries will meet again, this time as guests of Prague president Jan Domabyl.

At that informal gathering, club representatives will be asked to outline their firm ideas and plans for the streamlining of the administration of soccer.



Pan Hellenic's falling idol, Omeros (No. 3) appears to kick Croatia's Tomicic into orbit in last week's clash.

## Merdeka 1968 must rate top priority with ASF

The Australian national team is unlikely to take part in next year's Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, unless the ASF shows a change of heart.

This startling news was revealed to me by Australian Federation secretary, Ian McAndrew, on his return from Kuala Lumpur recently.

Although McAndrew, during his four days at the Merdeka Tournament, saw for himself the prestige Australia could win by sending the national side there, he told me it was very unlikely the full Australian team would compete in Malaysia in 1968.

Should Australia again be invited, we would not send the full national team, but a scratch side.

McAndrew said the Australian clubs involved in the chase for competition points, both at the top and at the foot of the various State competitions, would not agree to release their key players in August.

Australia, he said, would have to be represented by a composite team, made up of players from clubs not involved in the "top four" or relegation issues, and complemented with young players.

If this is to be the case, there is no need pursuing the matter any further.

Australia must decline any invitation to take part in the

Merdeka unless we are prepared to send the full national team, the strongest we can select.

The Merdeka Tournament is far too prestigious for a scratch team.

The creditable performances of the West Australians, who only lost narrowly to some of Asia's top teams, proved conclusively that the full Australian national team would come very close to winning the tournament.

### Prestige at stake

But there would be no point whatsoever in sending a second rate team.

Whereas Western Australia lost no prestige, quite the contrary, despite their defeats, Australia, competing as such, could suffer irreparable damage if a team masquerading under the name of "Australia" failed to put up a good showing.

The Australian Federation can overcome the clubs' reluctance to part with players in August if it plans ahead.

The ASF secretary must call a meeting in December of all State secretaries and to-

gether they could plan the 1968 season.

The State secretaries would then return home and inform their own Federations that such and such dates are required by the ASF for internationals, tours, etc.

In the case of NSW, so not to interfere with the Merdeka, which only takes 18 days anyhow, what is there to prevent the NSW Federation to have a three-week break at the end of the premiership rounds during which a cup series could be held?

It's as simple as that, and I'm sure the State Federations would not kick up a fuss, as long as they are informed well in advance of the ASF's commitments.

Within a matter of weeks the ASF can find out whether Australia will be invited to send a national team to the Merdeka next year, then start planning accordingly.

Of course, if it's left to the last minute, there will be re-primations from the State Federations, but given fair warning, months in advance, there would be no problem.

The ASF must stand firm and let the States know that they must adjust to a central

plan not the other way round, which has been the case for too long. — Lou Gautier.

## APIA out to kill hoodoo on Sunday

The second series of the semifinal play-offs this Sunday could prove to be vital to all teams.

In the early game between St. George and Pan Hellenic, the loser will almost certainly drop out of all calculations.

Both having lost last week, the teams here need a win to stay in contention until the third round.

APIA and Croatia, meeting in the late game, are in a more fortunate position.

Having won their matches last week, they won't have to worry too much about a possible defeat.

On the other hand, the incentive clearly is that the winner, with four points, will have reached the grand final.

Pan Hellenic often have the edge on the Saints in ordinary competition matches — but this game here may be different.

Having by far the greater experience

in Cup football, the Saints will be determined and confident.

In the other clash, APIA will be all-out to kill the hoodoo Croatia have over them.

Croatia have won their last three competition encounters — certainly a record no other team in Sydney can brag about.

Last week's double-header, at the ungainly and far from ideal Showground, produced 11,600 spectators — an encouraging sign for the success of the series.

This week's clashes, at the pleasant and more compact Sportsground, should draw even better.

With so much at stake in both ties, Sydney fans can once again expect some dramatic scenes and two tense, exciting games.



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For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 11: 1 p.m., Sunday, September 17.

# SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Australian Federation executives TOM GRIMSON (NSW) and JOHN BARCLAY (Victoria) are likely to be the managers of the Australian national team in the Far East later this year. The coaching position is wide open at this stage, though Prague's JOE VENGLOS is favored for the post. Dr. CORRIGAN of NSW will be the team doctor and LOU LAZZARRI of Victoria the masseur. A gear steward may also make the trip as well as a leading referee.

More than one hundred ex-players and officials last Monday night attended St. George-Budapest's REUNION DINNER at their Mortdale Clubhouse.

HAKOAH have already three unsolicited applications from coaches eager to step into the shoes of the deposed Tiko Jelisavcic.

The STADE FRANCAIS CLUB would like to play two social games a month starting from next November. For all enquiries ring the secretary, W. Charr, 68-4083 between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Ex-ASE chief CAV. JIM BAYUTTI has been nominated to the executive of the Good Neighbor Council of NSW.

Sutherland Rovers defeated Illawarra's Berkeley United 5-1 to win the ROBERTSON CUP for amateur under-21 clubs at Seymour Shaw Park last week. This is the Sutherland club's second win in the competition.

TASMANIAN junior officials are keen to receive more visits from NSW teams. Ken Dexter, c/- The Hutchins School, Hobart, would be pleased to hear from under-16 teams willing to tour Tasmania next year.

The wife of Hakoah goalie DUNCAN WILSON gave birth to their second child, a son, this week.

This year's ILLAWARRA DISTRICT under-21 championship finals will be sponsored by the South Coast Trade Union Week Committee. A trophy will be presented to the competition winners and medallions to the players at the Trade Union Centre, Wollongong, on Thursday, September 21.

A big presentation night is to be held on October 6 at Lane Cove Town Hall by LANE COVE UNITED. To accommodate the expected big crowd the club has secured the use of the upper and lower halls.

Five NSW championship JUNIOR FINALS will be played at Balgownie Oval on September 10. They are the under-9, Illawarra v. Bankstown; under-11, Illawarra v. Southern Districts; under-12, Illawarra v. Bankstown; under-21, Illawarra v. Gladesville and All Age, Shoalhaven v. Bankstown. At Mayfield, Newcastle plays Bankstown (under-13), St. George (under-15) and Western Suburbs (under-18).

Prague secretary GEORGE WARNER will enter hospital soon to undergo a hernia operation.

DON SANDELL, the St. George forward, expects to resume work soon though his leg is still in plaster. Sandell broke his ankle against Croatia three weeks ago.

Hakoah's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on September 25, two months earlier than usual. This is to enable the club to start planning the 1968 season well ahead.

SAM CUCITTI, Sutherland's Italian born forward, was voted the best forward on view at Marks Field last Wednesday during the KO Cup. Some First Division "talent scouts" openly admitted they may soon negotiate with Sutherland for his services.

"Georgie Best" was the obvious nickname St. George fans gave their 17-year-old Scottish forward JIM McCUE who joined them recently from Sutherland. McCue, small and elusive, bears some resemblance to Best physically and also with his clever dribbling runs.

Pan Hellenic's SUMMER COACHING SCHOOL will start in November. Applications in writing from boys from 14 to 18 years should be addressed to W.N. Stoevelaar, 21 Woorarra Ave, Narrabeen North, and further particulars are available by phoning 913-8660 or 661-4092. The course will be conducted by Bill Vrolyks and Bill Stoevelaar.

This year has been the best-ever for amateur club, Artamon, according to their long-serving official BILL ORR. As well as reaching this weekend's Inter Suburban First Division championship final, the club had five of their seven teams in competition finals.

Prague haven't won the RESERVE GRADE premiership yet. They are on 29 points, not 31, and have a deferred game against Canterbury to play. They will only win the competition if they beat the Berries this weekend.

MANLY COUNCIL seems to be fumbling the chance of bringing First Division soccer to their municipality. The Manly-Warringah club pays

\$800 for the use of Graham Reserve, the same amount as Rugby Union pays for Manly Oval, which has superior amenities. The Council facilities at Graham Reserve are poor, and provision of an inner fence and seating around the playing area is being delayed. The Manly Warringah Sports Union, comprising representatives of all sports in the area, has unanimously endorsed Manly-Warringah Soccer club's case.

The wife of St. George-Budapest halfback, TIBOR ZUCKERMAN, is expecting a baby.

Hakoah have written to their former Austrian player, ADOLF BLUTSCH, offering him a contract to return next season. Blutsch, however, although almost certain to return to Australia next season, may only negotiate with a local club once he's back in Sydney.

## SYDNEY PROGRAM

## THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

DIVISION II FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Granville v. Sutherland — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.  
Manly v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

DIVISION I FINAL PLAY-OFFS

St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.  
APIA v. Croatia — Sportsground, 3.00 p.m.

## NEXT WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

K.O. CUP

— Marks Field, 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. —

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

DIVISION II FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Manly v. Sutherland — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.  
Granville v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

DIVISION I FINAL PLAY-OFFS

St. George v. Croatia — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.  
APIA v. Pan Hellenic — Sportsground, 3.00 p.m.

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Hakoah	2-3	●	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-0	2-1	4-0	1-3	3-1
St. George	1-4	1-6	●	4-3	0-0	5-1	2-1	2-0	5-0	4-1	1-2	2-1
South Coast	2-2	1-1	0-0	●	1-2	1-3	1-0	3-1	4-2	0-1	1-2	3-2
Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	●	1-1	2-3	2-2	2-3	7-1	7-0	0-0
Prague	0-4	0-2	0-3	4-4	1-1	●	2-2	0-3	5-1	0-0	5-1	5-2
Croatia	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-2	●	5-0	2-1	0-4	5-1	1-1
Yugal	0-4	1-1	0-2	3-1	3-7	1-1	2-3	●	2-1	4-1	3-4	4-1
Cumberland	2-2	0-1	1-3	3-0	1-5	2-1	0-0	2-4	●	2-4	1-5	1-0
Polonia-NS	2-5	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	●	0-5	2-4
Canterbury	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	5-4	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1	1-1	●	1-1
Melita Eagles	0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-4	1-0	1-3	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	●



# WESTWATER IS "STAR" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Pan Hellenic's dynamic young Australian international captain Alan Westwater is SOCCER WORLD's "top star" for 1967.

Westwater, who gained three Australian "caps" against Scotland, averaged 4.38 points throughout the competition.

SOCCER WORLD awards are based on the number of points, ranging from one to six, collected by every First Division player during the entire premiership.

This is, we feel, as true a guide as any to discover the "best" player as every display is taken into account, not only the best effort as with most other awards.

Westwater's consistency was remarkable: in the 21 matches he played, not once did he score less than four points.

His average of 4.38 is the second highest ever.

The only winner who had a higher average was Angelo Mavropoulos, also of Pan Hellenic, in 1962, with 4.44.

Other "top stars" were Karl Jaros (1960), Jim Kelly (1961, 1963, 1965), Trevor Edwards (1964) and Brian Lincoln in 1966.

Runner-up in our award this year was Hakoah's stopper, Alan Marnoch, with 4.18 points.

The Scottish-born Australian international was also second in 1966.

St. George-Budapest's Manfred Schaefer averaged 4.14 to fill third place; APIA's Pat Hughes is fourth with 4.09 and teammate John Watkiss fifth with an average of 4.00.

These five are the only players who averaged four points or better during the 1967 competition.

In 1966, 10 players averaged four points and in 1965 the "four-plus" club numbered 15.

The unluckiest player in Sydney was APIA's full-back George Nuttall.

Before his injury, at the halfway mark of the competition, he was leading the awards ratings with an average of 4.40 and would certainly have come very close to winning had he played in the second round.

This is the "team of the competition," based on the best points average in each position: Eaton (Melita Eagles); Lincoln (Croatia); Ackerley (APIA); Westwater (Pan Hellenic); Marnoch (Hakoah); Scheinflug (Prague); Rinos (Canterbury); Minol (Polonia); Blue (APIA); Baartz (Hakoah); Blitz (Pan Hellenic).

The top three players, on averages, in each position are:

Goalkeepers: 1 Eaton (Melita Eagles), 2 Nuell (SCU), 3 Corry (Croatia).

Right backs: 1 Lincoln (Croatia), 2 Johnston (Pan Hellenic), 3 Falzon (Melita Eagles).

Left backs: 1 Ackerley (APIA), 2 Hillary (St. George), 3 Hillsdon (Hakoah).

Right halves: 1 Westwater (Pan Hellenic), 2 Schaefer (St. George), 3 Hughes (APIA).

Centre halves: 1 Marnoch (Hakoah), 2 Watkiss (APIA), 3 Curry (Croatia).

Left halves: 1 Scheinflug (Prague), 2 Rafanelli (Yugal), 3 McCulloch (Pan Hellenic).

Right wingers: 1 Rinos (Canterbury), 2 J. Alagich (Yugal), 3 Keddie (Cumberland).

Inside rights: 1 Minol (Polonia), 2 R. Cush (Croatia), 3 Campana (APIA).

Centre forwards: 1 Blue (APIA), 2 Warren (St. George), 3 Hood (Canterbury).

Inside lefts: 1 Baartz (Hakoah), 2 Cliss (St. George), 3 Giles (Croatia).

Left wingers: 1 Blitz (Pan Hellenic), 2 Giacometti (APIA), 3 Paterson (SCU).

Wingers and inside rights recorded by far the lowest averages.

Right halves shone brightest as the top three



Alan Westwater in action

all averaged four points or better.

Ferdo Dunaj, the fourth best right half on averages, would have been a clear first in every other position but his own and at centre-half.

# JOHNNY MAKES IT A TREBLE

APIA striker Johnny Giacometti topped the Sydney goalscoring list for the third consecutive year.

Giacometti scored 22 competition goals (one per match) as against 20 last year and 23 in 1965.

This is the fourth consecutive year APIA provided the top "goaleader," Watkiss having topped the list in 1964.

John Warren (St. George) and John Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) scored more goals than ever before to finish second and third respectively.

This is the full list of 1967 competition goalscorers:

Giacometti (APIA)	22	B. Smith (Pan Hellenic)	7
Warren (St. George)	16	Westwater (Pan Hellenic)	7
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	15	Yaeger (Hakoah)	7
Baartz (Hakoah)	13	Barnett (SCU)	6
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	12	Bobic (Yugal)	6
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11	Cliss (St. George)	6
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10	Halpin (Yugal)	6
Blue (APIA)	10	Harrison (SCU)	6
Keddie (Cumberland)	10	Lissing (Prague)	6
Hood (Canterbury)	9	Tolson (SCU)	6
Watkiss (APIA)	9	Baker (Polonia)	5
F. Cush (Croatia)	8	Blitz (Pan Hellenic)	5
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8	Campana (APIA)	5
G. Manuel (Prague)	8	Campbell (APIA)	5
Fernandez (St. George)	7	Kerklaan (APIA)	5
Giles (Croatia)	7	Laraman (Pan Hellenic)	5
Reynolds (Croatia)	7	Minol (Polonia)	5

Blanco (Prague)	4	W. Edwards (Yugal)	4
Holden (Hakoah)	4	Hoggart (Prague)	4
Lalic (Yugal)	4	Mulqueeny (Melita)	4
Price (St. George)	4	Rinos (Canterbury)	4
Scheinflug (Prague)	4	Schaefer (St. George)	4
Azzopardi (Melita)	3	R. Cush (Croatia)	3
F. Cush (Croatia)	3	Fraser (Croatia)	3
Massey (Croatia)	3	McColgan (St. George)	3
Povey (Prague)	3	Reid (Melita Eagles)	3
Reid (Melita Eagles)	3	Romanos (Canterbury)	3
Takac (Yugal)	3	Woods (Melita Eagles)	3
Zuckerman (St. George)	3	Allan (Cumberland)	2
Beattie (SCU)	2	Falzon (Melita Eagles)	2
Fekete (Hakoah)	2	Freeme (SCU)	2
Gauts (Prague)	2	Goldie (Cumberland)	2
Hewlett (Melita Eagles)	2	Hoare (Canterbury)	2
Isaac (St. George)	2	R. Manuel (Prague)	2
Marnoch (Hakoah)	2	Moffatt (Cumberland)	2
Muhlbauser (Polonia)	2	McKinnon (APIA)	2
Nowacki (Polonia)	2	Omeros (Pan Hellenic)	2
Paterson (SCU)	2	Patrinos (Pan Hellenic)	2
Paxinos (Canterbury)	2	Rivero (APIA)	2
Woodward (Polonia)	2	Adamson (Polonia)	1
M. Alagich (Yugal)	1	Bankhead (Melita Eagles)	1
Barnes (SCU)	1	Black (Prague)	1
Black (Prague)	1	Christie (Cumberland)	1
Cilia (Melita Eagles)	1	Cole (Pan Hellenic)	1
Davies (SCU)	1	Edmunds (Hakoah)	1
Edwards (Cumberland)	1	Ernst (Cumberland)	1
Ernst (Cumberland)	1	Galk (Polonia)	1
Galk (Polonia)	1	Galbraith (Canterbury)	1
Gonzales (Polonia)	1	Harding (Hakoah)	1
Hardy (Canterbury)	1	Henson (Pan Hellenic)	1
Hicks (Polonia)	1	Hignett (Pan Hellenic)	1
Hignett (Pan Hellenic)	1	Hunter (Melita Eagles)	1
Kauz (Canterbury)	1	Kerr (SCU)	1
Kerr (SCU)	1	Jameson (Canterbury)	1
Mullan (Melita Eagles)	1	McCue (St. George)	1
Sandell (St. George)	1	Stuart (Melita Eagles)	1
Thomson (Cumberland)	1	Thorn (Prague)	1
Tyrrell (Croatia)	1	Tristram (SCU)	1
Van Blerk (APIA)	1	Walsh (Hakoah)	1
Williams (Melita Eagles)	1		

# CROWD FIGURES SHOW ALARMING LOW TREND

Anybody who still speaks of "rising attendances" either can't read figures — or doesn't want to.

The drop in attendances over the years has been nothing short of alarming.

In most cases the peak was reached in either 1962 or 1963 and since then a gradual decline has set in.

While they still draw very respectable gates, both APIA and Pan Hellenic have also suffered losses.

This is particularly true if you consider that over the years the number of Italian and Greek migrants must have been increasing very regularly.

But these losses are nothing compared to the fast diminishing support of Prague and Hakoah who, not so long ago, used to attract big crowds.

Actually, today's attendance slump can be largely attributed to the disappearance of Hakoah and Prague support.

It is not far-fetched to assume that the reason behind this is the disap-

pearance of "neutral" or unattached spectators.

Thousands of these used to watch Prague and Hakoah just for the pleasure of seeing top performers; the Baumgartners, Jaroses, Blutsches, Machs and others.

Now that these two teams are vastly different and much less spectacular, the "neutrals" have retreated into their ivory towers.

Quite appreciable losses can also be demonstrated in the case of all other teams in the same period but we have taken a closer look at the drawing power of Sydney's "glamor clubs," past and present.

In the six-year span some of the losses are about 100% while in the Prague v. Hakoah case more than 500%!

It is also interesting to study the drawing power of South Coast over the years.

	Prague-Hakoah	APIA-Prague	APIA-Hakoah	APIA-P. Hell	SCU-APIA	SCU-P. Hell
1962	5500/10000	8500/6500	6100/10000	16200/8000		
	15,500	15,000	16,100	24,200	6,300	2,300
1963	5700/3000	6000/10000	5000/8600	10300/19600		
	8,700	16,000	13,600	29,900	5,400	5,300
1964	4000/4500	8300/6000	5300/8000	9400/15100		
	8,500	14,300	13,300	24,500	9,400	5,000
1965	1700/2600	5600/5000	5300/3100	8500/8800		
	4,300	10,600	8,400	17,300	7,000	4,300
1966	1800/1400	6000/8000	5000/5800	8100/10500		
	3,200	14,000	10,800	18,600	4,700	3,100
1967	1600/1300	6800/2000	3400/4500	15600/7400		
	2,900	8,800	7,900	23,000	3,400	3,200

This year the 22 First Division competition rounds attracted a total of 298,000 spectators for an increase of 53,000 in 1966.

These figures, however, are misleading because there were only 18 rounds in 1966 as the competition only included 10 teams, and not 12 as in 1967.

However, there was a very slight increase in First Division gates as the only true guide to attendances — the weekly average attendance — shows.

This season the average attendance per weekend was 13,545 as against 13,445 last year.

This represents an average of 2,257 spectators per match during the competition.

In 1964, the last time there were 12 teams in the First Division, the total attendance at the 22 premiership rounds was 435,000 spectators, for a weekly average of 19,772.

These figures speak for themselves.

The untarnished truth is that in the last three seasons First Division soccer has lost 137,000 spectators; 6,227 people a week have vanished.

Sydney's best year for attendances was in 1963 when the 12 teams drew 455,000 spectators to their competition matches (20,681 per round).

Despite the slight increase over last season, Sydney soccer is back at

the 1960 level when the average weekly attendance was 13,500.

On the individual club level, Pan Hellenic for the first time have replaced APIA as the biggest crowd-pulling team in Sydney.

Here is an analysis of the drawing power of the First Division clubs during the 1967 competition with 1966 totals in brackets:

Pan Hellenic:	98,500 (82,200)
APIA:	95,000 (96,200)
Croatia:	59,000 (39,000)
Hakoah:	52,300 (46,400)
St. George:	50,000 (50,100)
M. Eagles:	44,700 (Div. II)
Canterbury:	44,200 (Div. II)
Prague:	39,600 (45,000)
Polonia:	39,100 (Div. II)
Yugal:	38,200 (40,000)
South Coast:	36,200 (37,000)
Cumberland:	27,500 (30,600)

# AUST. JUNIOR TITLE TO NSW

NSW, coached by Joe Vlasits and Bill Vrolyks, won the Australian Junior Championship for under-16 teams in Sydney last week.

NSW defeated South Australia 3-0 in the final to take out the Sir Stanley Rous Cup.

In the semifinals, last Friday, NSW beat Northern NSW 5-3 and South Australia defeated Victoria 2-0.

Standard of play throughout the championship, especially in the semifinals, was most encouraging, but the appalling lack of publicity in the Sydney Press resulted in pitiful attendances which makes one wonder whether Sydney deserves to stage the national junior titles in the future.

Full details page 8.

# APIA smash many records

APIA have just become Sydney's most successful club since the formation of the Federation in 1957.

Previously Prague held this proud distinction.

In the 11 competitions staged so far APIA's average placing is 3.45 (down from 3.70 last year). Prague were leading until this year with 3.30 but now are up to 3.63.

St. George-Budapest are firmly keeping their third placing on this all-time table, having improved from 4.75 last year to 4.44 this year.

APIA have not been out of the top four since 1962; St. George since 1964.

APIA's placings since 1962 have been 3-2-1-3-1-1; St. George's in the same period 1-6-2-2-3-2.

In this span APIA's total is a brilliantly low 11, St. George's 16; the next best are South Coast (30), Hakoah (31) and Pan Hellenic (35).

In winning this year's premiership by six points, APIA established a new record; the previous best was a five-point margin, achieved by Prague twice, in 1960 and 1963.

This year APIA won the premiership for the third time; only Prague have a better record with four wins.

Actually, in the 1966 and 1967 premierships APIA suffered only three defeats — ALL by the hands of Croatia.

In winning this year's title, APIA won 84% of the obtainable points — up 1% from last year.

Had they won their last match against Croatia, they would have bettered Prague's 1960 record of 88.4% with a new 88.6%.

However, they did break another record: their goal average, divided, gives 3.44 percent, up 1% from last year and much superior to Prague's previous best of 2.94 in 1960.

Croatia are another team that had a good season; their third placing is the highest they have ever achieved, the previous best being seventh twice (1965 and 1966).

Some others slumped considerably.

Prague's seventh, Yugal's ninth and South Coast's eleventh is their worst placing ever.

And finally, yet another record to APIA; John Giacometti became the top scorer for the third time in a row.

In the last six years APIA provided five of the top scorers (Wentzel, Watkiss and Giacometti three times) with only Prague's Tristram wedged in between them, in 1963.





# N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP



## APIA calmly weathered brief St. George storm

— By ALAN SPEERS —

The fickleness of the fates which rule over soccer players was never more apparent than in APIA's 2-0 win over St. George-Budapest.

After casting a benign eye over Saints' fortunes in the first 45 minutes, they turned their back completely in the second half — with the inevitable result.

Saints were left, yet again, with the feeling that all their bad luck comes against APIA; the latter, so ruthlessly efficient, looking set to regain the title they lost in the mire at the Sports Ground last season.

Certainly there was nothing in the performances of either Croatia or Pan Hellenic to suggest that they will fare any better than did St. George-Budapest, notwithstanding Croatia's fine record against APIA.

Make no mistake, APIA were well below their best against Saints, but proved once again that they alone in Sydney soccer can play badly, yet still win.

The match itself was disappointing, and there was little of the fire which generally manifests itself in games between the two teams.

In fact, most of the interest in the first 20 minutes came from a disagreement between rival supporters in the main stand, and the antics of Saints' goalkeeper, Frank Haffey.

Haffey, a sort of clown prince among Sydney's custodians even when playing well, had one of his "off" days.

more so, surprisingly, in the first half. But in that initial stage, he had large slices of luck, much to the frustration of APIA.

Once, about 20 minutes after the start, he cartwheeled at the feet of Giacometti, succeeded only in leaving his goal unattended, but gratefully saw the ball cleared.

Fifteen minutes later, he could do little to counter a sparkling APIA raid down the right flank which ended with Blue's scything shot scraping an upright ... on the wrong side.

The move typified the deadly ease with which APIA spring from defence into attack.

The ball found Campbell who took it into Saints territory before crossing to Giacometti, whose pass inside found Blue.

A lucky let-off for the Ampol Cup holders, and further indication that the dark clouds which intermittently screened the sun from view, were frowning on APIA.

But Saints' failure to take advantage of their good fortune apparently angered their guardians for, once play resumed in the second stanza, it was all too apparent that their luck had run out.

Fernandez hit the bar with a soaring header from Warren's centre, then Warren, needing only a touch to score, could not reach a long clearing ball from Haffey.

Ironically, St. George-Budapest played their best football in this period.

But they failed to dent the calm authority of APIA's defence, marshalled by Watkiss. In the 73rd minute, Cam-

pana, as deceptively dangerous as ever, pounced on a loose ball, drew Haffey (again the cartwheel) and slid the ball home.

Two minutes later, Hillary, badly out of touch for the entire game, had the mortification of seeing Giacometti back-heel the ball into the net, after being too slow to

clear from in front of the goal.

So it ended, as so many clashes between the two teams have ended: Saints' players frustrated and showing all the signs of the "complex" that, seemingly, haunts them against APIA.

In the circumstances, it was understandable.

## SUMMARIES

Croatia (1): Corry 5; Lincoln 5, Shepherd 4; Sloan 3, Curry 3, Snedden 4; Swoboda 3, Tomicic 2, F. Cush 2, Giles 3, R. Cush 3.

Total: 37.

Pan Hellenic (0): Clarke 3; Henson 3, Omeros 3; McCulloch 4, Johnston 3, Hignett 4; Blitz 4, Smith 4, Westwater 4, Laraman 2, Karyannis 2.

Total: 36.

Scorer: Swoboda 1 min.

Referee: H. Parsons.

APIA (2): Taylor 5; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 4; Hughes 3, Watkiss 4, Bottalico 3; Campbell 3, Campana 4, Blue 3, Kerklaan 2, Giacometti 4.

Total: 38.

St. George (0): Haffey 3; Isaac 4; Hillary 2; Schaefer 4, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 4; Price 2, Cliss 3, Warren 3, Fernandez 4, McColgan 2.

Total: 34.

Scorers: Campana 73 min., Giacometti 75 min.

Referee: N. Jones.

Crowd: 11,600.

## Guts alone couldn't save frustrated Pan Hellenic

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Almost before the players had time to look around, the match was over: after precisely 53 seconds, Swoboda exploited a mix-up and pushed in what was to become the only goal of this tense, final play-off.

He swooped on a loose ball near the goal-line and with the Hellenic defenders paralysed by shock, scored the first goal of the play-off series.

What happened after was predictable: Croatia kept the ball when they could and defended with seven men when they couldn't while Pan Hellenic, without any seeming pattern, ran themselves to an absolute standstill in a desperate bid to equalise.

This they nearly did twice towards the end and once the lanky Shepherd had to stretch out to head a ball clear from just under the bar.

As the minutes were ticking away, Pan Hellenic's gameness turned into frus-

tration and later sheer despair — but Croatia's "Chinese wall" held well.

Was this a great match? Not by classical standards.

Not even perhaps by our current standards. But it contained sufficient action and drama to serve as a good curtain-raiser to the play-off series.

That early shock goal almost certainly ruined the first half.

Croatia became tentative and cautious, having found a mind to close up the game then and there.

Pan Hellenic, on the other hand, were clearly rattled and whatever definite plans they might have had, went out the window.

In the second half, however, the tempo increased

and Pan Hellenic fought their way back into the game.

Largely due to the spade-work of Westwater and Smith and the swerving runs of Blitz, Pan Hellenic threw everything into attack and, with a little luck, could have pulled the match out of the fire.

But perhaps it is only fair to say that on the day, Croatia were the more composed, more balanced of the two teams.

Having pulled back up to seven or eight men into defence, it was futile to expect them to turn on a spectacular, attacking game; this wasn't their aim at all.

With only Swoboda, Giles and Frank Cush form-

ing the attack, they seldom threatened the Hellenic goal.

Pan Hellenic, though fighting admirably, once again revealed basic weaknesses.

Their defence, especially in the first half, made many elementary mistakes while their forwards simply lacked punch.

Karyannis appeared to be only half-fit and his effectiveness was greatly reduced.

Towards the end I felt that if sheer guts were enough, Pan Hellenic would certainly force a draw.

But alas, guts alone no longer suffice and this is the lesson Pan Hellenic should have learned right through 1967, not just last Sunday.

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# FINAL PLAY-OFFS



## Odds are slightly in favor of APIA and St. George

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The second round of the premiers final play-offs at the Sportsground on Sunday will have a vital bearing on the Grand Final prospects of the four teams.

The Pan Hellenic v. St. George-Budapest match at 1.15 p.m., involving last week's losers, is virtually an elimination match, a sudden death tie, with the loser almost certainly out of the running for a Grand Final berth.

The winner of APIA-Croatia, on the other hand, can probably start planning for September 24.

Here is a preview of Sunday's big games:

### "Cup tie"

The Pan Hellenic-St. George tie is virtually a cup tie which neither team can afford to lose.

Saints, last week, were more impressive than Pan Hellenic.

Both teams, however, were equally weak in attack and wobbly in defence.

The three goals they conceded between them were the result of dreadful misjudgments on the part of key defenders.

With both teams equally unbalanced in attack, this match may be won or lost in the midfield.

On last week's displays Saints appear the likeliest winners, but as past experiences have proved time and again Sydney soccer form is no reliable guide.

With inconsistency the keynote of both teams, anything could happen here.

Should Pan Hellenic strike one of their "good days," and get the early breaks, which certainly went against them last Sunday, they may sweep Saints off their feet and seal the match before halftime.

On the other hand, if the potentially match-winning Warren-Cliss combination, backed up by the remarkably improved Schaefer and the constructive Zuckerman, assume control, Pan Hellenic may have to kiss their hopes for victory goodbye.

Pan Hellenic-St. George matches in the past have always been hotly contested, very even affairs, more often than not favorable to Pan Hellenic in competition matches and to Saints in cup ties.

As Sunday's game is a combination of the two, a draw may satisfy both teams and keep their hopes alive.

### Sweet revenge?

APIA and Croatia will have their sights set on the Grand Final when they clash for the second time in two weeks at 3 p.m.

A place in the Grand Final is nothing new to APIA as they've featured in five Grand Finals since 1959, including the last four.

For Croatia, however, this would be a first, the culmination of years of trying to reach the top.

This may well be their year and they certainly got off to a good start last Sunday when they once again accounted for Pan Hellenic, a team they always manage to confound with their spoiling defence and rapid breakaways.

As these are exactly the same tactics which enabled Croatia to beat APIA three times in the last two seasons — Croatia can be justifiably optimistic about the outcome of Sunday's match.

Croatia will almost certainly employ the same methods which proved so successful against APIA in the last two seasons.

They won't grab the midfield, but retreat methodically into defence, mark closely and launch frequent breakaways with the use of the long ball down the wings.

Giles again will be their "fetch and carry" man, and the Cush brothers the spearheads.

Croatia will allow APIA to dictate play from the onset, and again the onus will probably be on APIA to make all of the play.

Against any other team, APIA would relish the thought of taking the initiative, but past experience has taught them how costly this can be against Croatia.

The tactics coach Mazzina will employ to counter the Croatia "hoodoo" should make fascinating watching.

Despite their magnificent record against APIA, the Australia Cup holders must be favored to win.

### Round-robin table

APIA	1	—	2	0	2
Croatia	1	—	1	0	2
Pan Hellenic	—	1	0	1	0
St. George	—	—	1	0	2



Watkiss is slightly amused at the audacity of Fernandez even to think of contesting a high ball in last Sunday's APIA v. St. George tie.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

#### PAN HELLENIC v. ST. GEORGE

CLARKE	1	HAFHEY
HENSON	2	STEGBAUER
OMEROS	3	ISAAC
WESTWATER	4	SCHAEFER
JOHNSTON	5	MORGAN
HIGNETT	6	ZUCKERMAN
LOGAN	7	PRICE
SMITH	8	CLISS
KARYANNIS	9	WARREN
McCULLOCH	10	FERNANDEZ
BLITZ	11	McCOLGAN

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

#### APIA v. CROATIA

TAYLOR	1	CORRY
VAN BLERK	2	LINCOLN
ACKERLEY	3	SLOAN
HUGHES	4	CURRY
WATKISS	5	SHEPHERD
BOTTALICO	6	SNEDDEN
CAMPBELL	7	SWOBODA
CAMPANA	8	REYNOLDS
BLUE	9	F. CUSH
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## ROUND THE WORLD

### Racing are through

A third match was necessary to determine the winner of the South American Champions' Cup. Contrary to expectations, Nacional were unable to beat Racing Buenos Aires in their return match in Montevideo. This match, like the first leg of the final, resulted in a 0-0 draw. The play-off to decide who will meet the European Champions, Celtic, next month for the Intercontinental Cup, was played at Santiago, Chile, last week and resulted in a Racing victory.

### Scottish tourists hit headlines

Two of the Scottish players who toured Australia three months ago are hitting the high spots back home. Rangers' Andy Penman has been the club's top scorer since the start of the season. Penman, after missing a penalty, scored the equalizing goal in the Scottish League Cup against Celtic. Another tourist, Tommy McLean, of Kilmarnock, declined a big offer to transfer to Chelsea who had offered Kilmarnock a staggering \$200,000 for the 20-year-old under-23 international. McLean, who was offered \$12,000 as his share of the transfer, preferred to stay in Scotland. The reason? He enjoys his mother's cooking too much.

### Former Yugal forward flops

N. Bulatovic, the Yugoslav forward who played for Yugal three years ago, has turned up in France. After two seasons in the Austrian Second Division, Bulatovic tried his luck in France, but so far has been unsuccessful. He was released by Second Division Nancy and Besancon after inconclusive trial matches.

### UK goalscoring incentive

The English FOOTBALL MONTHLY has offered a \$2,200 prize to any player in Scotland or England who beats the goalscoring record of the immortal Dixie Dean who scored 60 goals in 39 matches while playing for Everton. The nearest any player has come to Dean's fabulous feat was in 1960-61 when Peterborough's Terry Bly scored 52 goals — in 46 matches. The top British scorer last season was Davies of Southampton with 37 goals.

### Eire didn't want Fullone

More news about Luis Fullone Arce, the Argentinian whose disappearance on the eve of joining APIA last year is still unsolved. Fullone, after an unsuccessful trial with Stirling Albion in Scotland, tried his luck in Eire, but failed again. He played a trial match with Waterford against Leeds United but was not retained. Where will the wandering Argentinian turn up next — Sydney?



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- The talented 18-year-old son of the former great Swedish star, Gunnar Nordahl, has signed with Rapid Vienna. Nordahl Jr., who played for Orebro in Sweden, is in Vienna on a two-year university scholarship.

- Besiktas won the Turkish championship on goal-average, ahead of Fenerbahce and Galatasaray. All three clubs are from Istanbul.

- Barcelona have offered \$25,000 to Racing Buenos Aires for their Argentinian international full-back Gomez.

- Josef Masopust started his 18th season with Dukla Prague when the Czechoslovakian championship kicked-off a fortnight ago.

- Foreign players with First and Second Division Swiss clubs number an all-time record of 103 this season. German players top the list.

- The Rumanian club Dinamo Pitesti, a participant in the 1967-68 Fair Cities' Cup, has changed its name to FC Argesul. They meet Hungary's Ferencvaros in the first round.

- Philippe Pottier, the Swiss international forward, has been transferred back to his native city of Geneva where he will play for Servette. Pottier spent six seasons in France, with Stade Paris and Angers.

- FIFA's Congress in 1968 won't be held in Casablanca as planned originally. Moroccan authorities were unable to guarantee entry visas to delegates from every country. The Congress is now likely to be held in the USA.

- Austria and Hungary met in a friendly international in Vienna on September 6.

- Torpedo Moscow aren't doing too well in the Soviet First Division. After 18 rounds they are in eighth place, seven points behind the leaders, Dynamo Moscow.

- Sparta Rotterdam, the Dutch club, are without news of their Danish international centre-forward, Ole Madsen, who failed to return from a holiday in Copenhagen. Sparta had to play without their star forward in the opening match of the season, and were beaten 3-1 by their local rivals, Feyenoord.

- Frenchman Henri Skiba coaches Grasshoppers Zurich this season. The former international centre-forward coached La Chaux-de-Fonds for the last three seasons. His former club is now directed by another French international, Jean Vincent.

- Malaga, Standard Liege (Belgium), Independiente Buenos Aires and Santos will participate this weekend in the Malaga Tournament in Spain.

- In another Spanish tournament this weekend, at Huelva, the local team, Lyon (France), Zaragoza (Spain) and AC Milan will play for a \$5,000 prize.

- The sales of Eusebio's life story, "My name is Eusebio" have already exceeded 70,000 copies in four languages: Portuguese, French, Spanish and Italian. The English translation will be released at Christmas.

- Artemio Franchi, of Florence, was elected president of the Italian Federation last week. Franchi, the former secretary of the Italian Referees' Association, replaces Giuseppe Pasquale.

- One of Colombia's leading teams Deportivo Junior Barranquilla, haven't a single Colombian in their side. Their forward quintet is all-Brazilian and their defence a mixture of Argentinian, Uruguayan and Chilean. Barranquilla lost to Benfica 1-2 two weeks ago.

- Brescia, the Italian team, will field two Germans in their forward-line this season: Albert Brulls and Jurgen Schutz.

- Lothar Ulsass, skipper of last year's West German champions, Eintracht Braunschweig, will miss the first half of the season. He had a cartilage removed last week.

- FIFA's Statutes and Referees Committees will meet in Tunis on September 15-16 while the Mediterranean Games are in progress.

- Academica, the Portuguese University club, are in Venezuela to play in a four-team tournament in Caracas against Alianza Lima (Peru), a Caracas XI and Platense (Argentina).

- After playing in Colombia, Benfica moved to Paraguay where they defeated local champions, Guarani, 4-0, at Ascension with three goals by Eusebio.

- America and Bangu will play the final of Brazil's Guanabara Cup, the last pre-competition series before the Rio and Sao Paulo championships kick-off next month.

### Top Maltese team demoted

The Maltese FA has taken drastic action against one of the island's top teams, Valetta. The club has been demoted from First to Third Division for walking off the field in protest over a referee's decision in a recent competition match. Valetta were also fined \$5,000.

- The first round of the Bulgarian championship attracted record attendances. An aggregate of 160,000 spectators watched the eight matches.

- A crowd of 37,000 in New York saw Inter Milan beat Santos 1-0 last week. Mazzola scored the winning goal in the 53rd minute.

## SCOREBOARD

### 1966-67 FAIR CITIES CUP

**FINAL:** Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) v. Leeds United 2-0 (first leg, Zagreb).

### INTERNATIONAL

**"FRIENDLIES":** Inter Milan v. Olympiakos (Greece) 2-2 (Toronto); Fiorentina (Italy) v. Independiente (Argentina) 1-1 (Montreal); Benfica v. Boca Juniors (Argentina) 1-1 (Los Angeles).

### FRANCE — Third round:

Lens v. Nantes 1-3; Monaco v. Valenciennes 0-1; St. Etienne v. Bordeaux 1-0; Sedan v. Lille 1-1; Metz v. Rouen 1-1; Strasbourg v. Red Star 2-1; Angers v. Ajaccio 3-0; Rennes v. Lyon 1-0; Sochaux v. Aix 1-1; Marseille v. Nice 0-1.

### Fourth round:

Red Star v. Marseille 2-0; Ajaccio v. Sochaux 1-1; Lyon v. Angers 8-0; Nantes v. St. Etienne 1-1; Bordeaux v. Lens 6-1; Strasbourg v. Valenciennes 1-0; Rouen v. Sedan 0-0; Lille v. Rennes 2-0; Aix v. Monaco 0-0; Nice v. Metz 4-1.

### HOLLAND:

Go Ahead v. ADO 0-4; Telstar v. Fortuna 3-1; DOS v. NAC 0-0; Feyenoord v. Ajax 1-0; Volendam v. NEC 0-0; DWS v. Sparta 1-0; Sittardia v. Xerxes 1-1; MVV v. PSV 0-0; GVAV v. Twente 2-2.

### SWITZERLAND:

FC Basel v. Granges 3-1; Bellinzona v. Chaux-de-Fonds 0-2; Biel v. Sion 2-1; Grasshoppers v. FC Zurich 2-0; Lucerne v. Lugano 3-3; Servette Geneva v. Young Fellows 3-0; Young Boys v. Lausanne 2-4.

### WEST GERMANY:

Stuttgart v. Braunschweig 0-0; Hannover 96 v. Borussia Dortmund 2-2; Werder Bremen v. Moenchengladbach 0-4; Duisburg v. Neunkirchen 3-1; Kaiserslautern v. Eintracht Frankfurt 1-1; FC Nurnberg v. Hamburger SV 4-0; Alemannia Aachen v. Karlsruhe 2-1; Schalke 04 v. Munchen 1860 0-0; Bayern Munchen v. FC Koln 1-3.

## The World XI?

Eric Batty, the noted London soccer writer has just published his "World XI".

In today's accepted formation, this is Batty's team:

**Goalkeeper:** Yashin (Russia).  
**Defenders:** Coluna (Portugal), Facchetti (Italy), Popluhar (Czechoslovakia) and Meszoly (Hungary).

**Midfield men:** Beckenbauer (Germany), Mazzola (Italy), Yakimov (Bulgaria).

**Forwards:** Bene (Hungary), Hurst (England), Farkas (Hungary).

Batty, as always, manages a surprise or two.

First of all he refused to consider any non-European player, even Pele, still regarded as the world's Number 1.

But perhaps Marzolini (Argentina), Rocha (Uruguay) and the Brazilian Lima would have merited a thought.

A further surprise is the inclusion of Coluna among the defenders.

This brilliant colored Portuguese star is probably the world's greatest linkman; why Batty hopes to transform him into a defender is a mystery.

As for Popluhar, even the Czechs regard him as over the hill but perhaps his great class got him into the team.

Yakimov's inclusion will surprise many people who never saw this Bulgarian star — but I must fully agree with Batty.

Last year I saw Yakimov twice in the World Cup and found him to be a polished, brilliant and dynamic performer.

Were he playing say with Portugal, Hungary or Germany, he would have drawn rave notices.

Hurst is an efficient, modern spearhead, a reliable goal-getter but to class him as one of the world's best is perhaps going too far.

The only explanation I can offer for this choice is Eric Batty's known weakness for West Ham United — and Hurst is a Hammer...

Such selections are always subjective and nobody can argue much with them.

However, I would have included the Russian Voronin instead of Popluhar, Pele for Farkas, Bobby Charlton for Mazzola and the Hungarian Albert for Hurst.

— P. DEAN

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# JUVENTUS ADELAIDE CHASING BIG TREBLE

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus, with the Ampol Cup and the 1967 league title already won, will be chasing the big treble when they meet Polonia in a Federation Cup semifinal at Hindmarsh on Saturday.

Polonia won their way into the semi by beating Lion 3-2, while Juventus eliminated sole Second Division survivors, Orange-Sturt 3-0.

Polonia, despite the absence of Eugene Nowak, set up a commanding three-goal lead with only five minutes of the second half gone.

Lion reduced this advantage two minutes later and a minute after, Polonia fullback Cyril Heppenstall was sent off when he clashed with John Lovell.

Further disaster struck Polonia when key winger Marian Kolecki left the field with a pulled thigh muscle.

Polonia hung on to win but will have scant hope against Juventus unless their luck changes.

Their prime requirement is the return of giant stopper, Nowak.

They will also need Kolecki fully fit if they are to penetrate the unpromising Juventus defence.

By contrast, Juventus have only one urgent concern.

They must find a wing replacement for Australian international Steve Herczeg who is recovering from a toenail operation.

Juventus used former Italian professional, Valentino Frattini on the left-wing last week.

Frattini, 27, played for Second Division team Lecco before his job took him to Western Australia.

Frattini, obviously short of match play, was replaced after half time.

Juventus may prefer to recall Johnny Chiappin as wing-half and switch Peter West to attack rather than risk the out of condition Frattini.

Polonia will pin their hopes on the fact that Juventus were unable to beat them in either league fixture.

However, the 1-1 and 0-0 results were achieved

when Polonia were at full strength.

If Polonia resolve all the problems they could extend Juventus but the league champions are my choice to qualify for yet another final.

## TEAMS SCREENED

SA candidates for promotion and relegation will not be kept in suspense as they were last year.

The top promoted team must be known earlier this time in order to decide the composition of the 1968 Ampol Cup.

The top seven First Division teams will automatically qualify for the summer series.

The eighth team (Elizabeth City) will be required to play two elimination games against the top pro-

motion candidate from Second Division.

Beograd-Woodville are the logical choice but the matter will be finally decided by the steering committee.

Questionnaires, which must be returned by September 19, have been sent to Burnside-Budapest, Port Adelaide, Beograd and Cumberland.

The clubs must answer questions on ground facilities and tenure, financial position, spectator potential, numbers of colts, junior and schools teams sponsored and playing potential.

— A. Crisp

# DOCKERTY CUP ON

The first round proper of the 1967 Dockerty Cup takes place this weekend with two games on Saturday at Olympic Park and the same at Middle Park.

The arrangement will be repeated on Sunday at both these venues. Here is the full draw:

**Saturday, Middle Park:** 1 p.m. Melbourne v. Sunshine City; 3 p.m. Croatia v. Makedonia.

**Olympic Park:** 1 p.m. Polonia v. St. Albans; 3 p.m. Alexander v. Juventus.

**Sunday, Middle Park:** 1 p.m. Wilhelmina v. Hakoah; 3 p.m. SM Hellas v. Ferntree Gully.

**Olympic Park:** 1 p.m. Footscray JUST v. Lions; 3 p.m. George Cross v. Slavia.

The country sides have been eliminated post haste in the Dockerty Cup and of the four Metropolitan clubs left, St. Albans, Ferntree Gully, Sunshine and Wilhelmina, only Wilhelmina have any hope of advancing further.

Facing the experienced, but disappointing, Hakoah at Middle Park on Sunday, they may prove themselves before being readmitted

back to the State League in 1968.

Melbourne, with the tag of State League champions firmly attached to them, should prove their superiority in class by disposing of the ambitious Sunshine City who fall a bit short of even average State League class.

Croatia may have trouble in accounting for a Makedonia side having their last fling in top class company.

But at the end of 90 minutes Croatia should emerge clear winners.

Polonia, one of the classiest Melbourne sides, should display all their skill against St. Albans, who for the second year running missed out on promotion to the State League.

Alexander will give Juventus plenty to think about and fight it out for the full game before they surrender to the better balanced Juventus.

South Melbourne-Hellas, who have never won a major cup competition, should at least ensure their inclusion in the next round after their tussle with Metro side, Ferntree Gully.

JUST, with a remarkable revival in the second half of the league season behind them, should beat the vastly improved Lions team who, however, lack a couple of top class players to make them a real threat in top class Melbourne soccer.

In the final game, Slavia, one of the most unpredictable sides in the State League and one of the hardest teams to beat, come to grips with a George Cross lot which for the second year running failed to reach the "top four."

With much more steadiness in defence, Slavia should enhance their great Dockerty Cup record of the past few years by finishing on top.

— Bob Low

## US team to tour?

An American team, the Dallas Tornados, are keen to play seven or eight matches in Australia next January-February.

Their world tour director, Paul Waters, spent two days in Sydney this week sounding out possibilities.

The Americans — the majority of whom are Europeans, really — are already in a training camp in Portugal, preparing for their 20-week world tour.

They have matches lined up in Europe and Asia.

The world tour will cost the Dallas club some \$120,000 and they are prepared to show a small loss.

Paul Waters is now in Manila and Hong Kong, arranging further matches.

He will be back in Sydney in about two weeks and hopes to meet local club officials.

# Wilhelmina have set high goals

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Had a chat the other day with John van Hoboken and John Gorton, president and vice-president respectively of the promoted Ringwood City Wilhelmina Soccer Club.

I was left with the impression that Wilhelmina will not be content to get back to the State League next season but are in the process of building a side which will go flat out to win the top soccer competition in Victoria.

Pipe dreams, perhaps, to some. But to Wilhelmina these aspirations and intentions are deadly serious.

This season they have helped themselves to three players from overseas who have been the rave of First Division soccer, all forwards and all three goal-getters.

I refer to the following trio:

● Stan Atkins, an inside-forward who was on the books of Crystal Palace and who has scored a barrowload of goals since

he joined the Ringwood side.

● Bob Wyatt, a powerfully built winger who played professional soccer in the Midlands League in England and who is also an ace scorer.

● Stan Bradley, a centre-forward who recently joined the club, was on Coventry City's books as a junior. Scored a hat-trick in his first game here.

Wilhelmina are also negotiating with two experienced Scottish players and an Englishman who not so many moons ago played in the English Cup Final.

## VICTORIAN RESULTS

Lions v. South Melbourne-Hellas 3-2. Scorers: Nestorides, Pyrgolios, Kokkinos for South Melbourne-Hellas; Wilson, Birmingham for Lions.

Juventus v. Polonia 4-2. Scorers: Torque 3, Malloy for Juventus; Przybylski, Gajda for Polonia.

Melbourne v. Hakoah 1-0. Scorer: Abonyi.

Alexander v. Croatia 1-1. Scorers: Mangoupoulos for Alexander; McMechan for Croatia.

PM-Slavia v. P-Makedonia 3-1. Scorers: Reed 2, Livingstone for Slavia; Currie for Makedonia.

George Cross v. JUST 3-4. Scorers: Hughes 2, Adamovic for George Cross; Cirkovic, McPherson, Reilly, Sanchez for JUST.

## DOCKERTY CUP

First Round: Sunshine City v. Ballarat 9-0; St. Albans v. Wangaratta City 8-0; Wilhelmina v. Bell Park 8-2; Fern Tree Gully v. King Valley 10-0.

## FINAL VIC. TABLE

Melbourne	16	2	4	47	16	34
Juventus	14	4	4	39	21	32
Croatia	11	5	6	41	25	27
SM Hellas	10	7	5	30	36	27
JUST	11	4	7	45	51	26
Hakoah	11	3	7	41	32	25
Slavia	10	3	9	35	34	23
G. Cross	6	5	11	36	43	17
Polonia	7	2	13	41	45	16
Lions	4	6	12	25	39	14
Alexander	4	4	14	24	48	13
Makedonia	4	2	16	27	61	10

## NO REPLAY FOR SLAVIA

In an almost unprecedented move, the Victorian State Council reversed the decision of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Board by rejecting the findings of both which had previously ordered the Slavia v. Alexander game to be replayed.

Meanwhile the position of referee-selector, George Yelland, who tendered his resignation after the Investigation Committee and Appeals Board decision was made, is not clear but indications are the Federation may accept his resignation.

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## W.A. win 5-3 in Merdeka play-off

Western Australia defeated Singapore 5-3 to take out eighth place in the Merdeka Tournament in their last match at Kuala Lumpur.

Down 0-2 after 20 minutes, Western Australia, through three goals by Sobek, and one each by Lawlor and Magennis, scored five times in a row before Singapore netted their third goal just before fulltime.

The 1967 Merdeka was won jointly by South Korea and Burma, the Asian Games champions, when the two countries played a 0-0 draw in the final before a crowd of 30,000.

The Western Australians made such a favorable impression in Malaysia that they have been invited to take part again next year,

this time with all expenses and return airfares paid.

The Perth squad returned home last Tuesday week after their plans to play in India and Indonesia on the way back fell through because of plane schedules.

Two Western Australian players stayed behind in Kuala Lumpur.

Goalkeeper Chris Wisink was very seriously injured in the match against Singapore and had to have his spleen removed at Kuala Lumpur General Hospital.

Team-mate Jim McIntosh remained to keep Wissink company.



## SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

# "UNDERDOGS" COULD COME GOOD ON SAT.

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Where were the spectators last Saturday at Marks Field when the first round-robin matches of the Second Division were played?

Four teams representing a huge slice of the Metropolitan area and such heavily populated districts as Sutherland, Bankstown, Manly and Gran-

better support, and they did provide some good football.

The opening Sutherland v. Bankstown match was a fast, entertaining encounter which produced some good football from both sides despite the conditions.

Full marks to Bankstown for their splendid team effort to win 3-2 after being down 2-0 in the first ten minutes.

Sutherland, playing with a stiff breeze behind them, went straight on the attack and in the fourth minute Sam Cucitti beat Friedl with a high lob into the net.

Bankstown were very unsettled and Sutherland kept pounding their opponents' goal and in the 10th minute increased their lead when a perfect cross from Griffiths was headed in by O'Brian.

After the interval, Bankstown took complete control of midfield and bombarded Sutherland's goal for long periods.

In the 62nd minute Bamforth completed a well earned hat-trick when he beat two defenders and sent a hard drive in the left hand corner to win the match.

Sutherland: Pines; Shrubsole, Rattenbury; Griffiths, O'Reilly, Senior; Davidson, Roche, O'Brian (1), Corfield, Cucitti (1).

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; White, Hinksman, McDermott; Madden, Tansley, Bamforth (3), Turnbull, Stiffle.

Although the 3-0 win by Manly over Granville seems convincing enough on paper, it was not a true indication of play at all.

Technically Granville played the more constructive football and were on the attack most of the time, even when playing against the wind, but

poor shooting cost them a win.

Manly, on the other hand, made full use of their limited opportunities.

After the interval, Manly still relying on breakaway attacks, scored in the 53rd minute when Hughes sent through a pass to R. Jones who outran the Granville defence to score an easy goal.

This goal demoralized Granville and Manly, with a bigger share of the ball, scored two more goals through G. Jones and then by Harris.

Granville: Sparkes; Anderson, Pendleton; Tamandl, Lorenzutta, Crelly; Shepherd, Williams, Bakks, O'Neill.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Nutt (R. Jones, 1), Ridding, Hughes, G. Jones (1), Harris (1).

## THIS WEEKEND

Saturday's play-off match between Manly and Bankstown should be a thriller.

Bankstown are at the peak of their form and should give the competition winners their toughest match of the season.

Manly on Saturday may still be feeling the effects of their midweek game against Cumberland, and could be hard pressed to dispose of the rested Bankstown, who go into this game as slight favorites.

The Sutherland v. Granville match should also be close and exciting.

Sutherland's enthusiasm and energy in attack will thoroughly test Granville, who, too, will have played a midweek game three days earlier.

Unless Granville's forwards improve, they may have to be content to share the points here.

## TONIGHT'S K.O. CUP

## CUMBERLAND IN GRAVE DANGER

Following the splendid displays of Sutherland and Bankstown against their First Division opponents last week, a lot of interest will centre tonight around Manly and Granville, the top Second Division teams.

These two teams, on paper at least, appear much stronger than Bankstown and Sutherland and may not only extend their First Division opponents but beat them, especially Manly.

## Manly v. Cumberland

Manly will treat this as their most important match of the season.

The newly-promoted seafarers are determined to prove they are good enough to take their place among the elite in 1967, and what better way to prove it than by beating Cumberland, the team whose place they will fill in First Division next season?

Earlier in the season perhaps Manly may have found the First Division team too solid and experienced, but the demoralised Cumberland outfit may only offer token opposition tonight.

Manly, on the other hand, will be full of zest and determination and will certainly make up with enthusiasm what they may lack in the finer points of the game.

## Probable line-ups:

Cumberland: Hopkins; Addison, Dell; Geppert, Thomson, Entwistle; Vincent, Goldie, Smith, Christie, Edwards.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Nutt, Ridding, Hughes, G. Jones, Harris.

## Granville v. Melita Eagles

This match should never have been played because according to the draw Granville were supposed to meet South Coast, and Melita Eagles' Second Division opponent should have been Bankstown.

The clubs concerned agreed to the amended draw, but Granville, we feel, may have cause to regret their big-hearted generosity.

Against South Coast, the team they were supposed to meet originally, they would have had a big chance of winning.

Against Melita Eagles, however, their task will be much tougher as the Eagles have finished the competition much more strongly than South Coast.

## Probable teams:

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Hunter, Arrighi; Cilia, Woods, Hewlett; Mullan, Bankhead, Mulqueeney, Reid, Williams.

Granville: Sparkes; Anderson, Pendleton; Tamandl, Lorenzutta, Crelly; Shepherd, Dupont, Williams, Bakks, O'Neill.

## LAST WEEK

South Coast scraped home last week when they only eliminated Bankstown thanks to the toss of a coin after being held to a 2-2 draw.

The provincials obviously felt the strain of a long, worrying season, and only went through the motions.

Bankstown, on the other hand, threw all their energy into the game, and with an ounce of luck could have won.

Faster, more aggressive, and at times even more constructive, they looked every bit as polished as their First Division opponents on the night.

South Coast: McQuire; Carr, Kerr; Davies, Ringland, Salisbury; Barnett, Tristram (1), Harrison, Freeme, Paterson (1).

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzpatrick; White, Hinksman, McDermott; Madden, Tansley (1), Bamforth, Turnbull (1), Clark.

In the early match last Wednesday week, Yugal were forced into extra-time by the gallant, youthful Sutherland, before winning 4-2.

Sutherland shocked Yugal to race to a 2-1 lead in the 30th minute and it took all the wiles of the more experienced First Division side to draw level before halftime and hold their enthusiastic opponents until extra-time.

The extra period told on Sutherland, whose players ran out of stamina, enabling Yugal to score twice in the second period.

Yugal: Ljubic; Crnich, Pacanin; Dunaj, Banicevic, Rafanelli (Marinkovic); J. Alagich, Lalic, Halpin (1), Bobic (2), Vesich (1).

Sutherland: Pines; Rattenbury, McArney; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Bibbing, Roach (1), O'Brien, Davidson, Cucitti (1).

## Sir Stanley Rous Cup to NSW lads

NSW clinched the Australian Junior Championship for the second year running with a fine 3-0 win over South Australia at Sydney Show-ground.

First blood was drawn by the NSW centre-forward Greg Byles, with a spectacular flying header after nine minutes.

South Australia had its chances, J. Nyskohuz missing narrowly, and J. Larecki pivoting beautifully on to the ball for another near miss.

NSW were the stronger side after halftime, and Byles was on the spot to capitalise on a scrambling attempt to clear by three SA defenders.

Bobby Smith, who had an excellent game, scored the winners' third goal in the 63rd minute.

The teams from all competing States gathered on the ground after the final, to witness Sir William Walkley present the Sir Stanley Rous Cup to the NSW captain, Geoff Gray.

NSW: P. Gee; W. Henretty, G. Brown; G. Sheppard, J. McLoughlin, R. Smith (1); G. Quested, D. Black, G. Byles (2), E. Howard, G. Gray.

South Australia: E. Wright; A. Pettit, A. Raponi; L. Fasan, J. Cichinski, J. Castello; J. Nyskohuz, R. Harrison, J. Larecki, M. Kavalcenti, J. Eadsforth.

## ROUND-ROBIN

NSW and South Australia topped their groups to qualify for the semifinals.

South Australia was the only team to enter the semis with a 100 per cent. record, winning their three matches and scoring 14 goals in the process.

Newcastle, the runners-up in Group "B" only lost to South Australia after extra-time.

In Group "A" NSW took first place on goal-average, having defeated Tasmania 8-1 whereas Victoria only beat the Tassies 7-1.

## Round-robin details:

GROUP "A"  
Victoria 7 (Racovalis 3, Wallace 2, Galuzzo, Gadsby, d. Tasmania 1 (Hawis). NSW 1 (Howard) drew Victoria 1 (Wallace).

NSW 8 (Black 2, Byles 2, Howard 2, Quested, Brennan) d. Tasmania 1 (Jack Dilba).

GROUP "B"  
SA 2 (Kavalcenti 2) d. Northern NSW 1 (Valentine).

WA 3 (Debono, Casilli, Edwards) d. ACT 1 (Antonoli).

SA 10 (Larecki 4, Nyskohuz 3, Kavalcenti 2, Nicholson) d. ACT 0.

N. NSW 4 (Smyth 2, Valentine, Miller) d. WA (Casilli).

N. NSW 7 (Finch 2, Smyth 2, Hindmarsh, Clark, Miller) d. ACT 0.

SA 2 (Harrison, Kavalcenti) d. WA 1 (Casilli).

GROUP "A"  
NSW 1 1 — 9 2 3  
Victoria 1 1 — 8 2 3  
Tasmania — — 2 2 15 —

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GROUP "B"					
SA	3	—	14	2	6
N. NSW	2	—	1	12	3
WA	1	—	2	5	7
ACT	—	—	3	1	20

## SEMIFINALS

NSW and South Australia both qualified for the final at Marks Field last Friday night with two-goal margin victories over Northern NSW and Victoria respectively.

The NSW v. Newcastle match, played as the early game, was a thriller from start to finish and produced magnificent football and gem-like goals.

The South Australia v. Victoria semifinal was not as spectacular.

A better display had been expected from both teams, particularly Victoria following their impressive 1-1 draw with NSW in the round-robin.

The Victorians held a marked territorial advantage throughout, but lacked finesse and were rarely dangerous in front of goal.

South Australia, on the other hand, used their limited opportunities intelligently and their reinforced defence positioned itself beautifully throughout, presenting an unsolvable problem to the rather unimaginative Victorian forwards.

Imagination was something NSW in the earlier game had plenty of, as well as loads of plain old fashioned guts.

Down 0-2 after 12 minutes against the lightning-fast Novocastrians, the Sydney lads fought back to 2-2 after 25 minutes, then trailed 2-3 before drawing on level terms just before halftime.

In the second half there was no holding the brilliant Sydney side who played cat and mouse with their taller, stronger opponents.

Semifinal details:  
NSW: Flowers; Henretty (Doe), Gray; Shepherd, Brown, Smith; Quested, Black (2), Byles (3), Howard, Brennan.

N. NSW: Goodburn; Lawler, Bennis; Halverson, Jackson, Finch; Hindmarsh (1), Smyth (1 penalty), Valentine (1), Clark, Miller.

SA: Clark; Pettit, Raponi; Fasan, Cichinski, Castello; Nyskohuz, Harrison, Larecki (2), Kavalcenti, Eadsforth.

Victoria: Bekut; Selfe, Jasinski; Hona, Laird, Feenstra; Todorovic, Galuzzo, Gadsby, Racovalis, Adricham.

The outstanding players throughout the series were: Henretty, Quested, Gray, Byles, Howard, Black and Gee (NSW); Raponi, Nyskohuz, Larecki and Kavalcenti (SA); Laird, Todorovic, Racovalis and Hona (Victoria); Finch, Hindmarsh and Valentine (Newcastle); Casilli (WA); Antonoli (ACT) and Jack Dilba (Tasmania).

## WITH THE AMATEURS

## ARTARMON AND INTER IN DIVISION ONE FINAL

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Two northside clubs, Artarmon and North Sydney Inter, will meet in the Inter Suburban First Division championship final.

The two leading Second Division clubs, East Side and Belmore, will contest the final.

Gladesville-Hornsby accounted for St. Marys, and gained the right to play the premiers, Enmore, in the Third Division final.

At Macarthur Park last Saturday young Irishman Chris Wright thumped home 3 goals for Artarmon in their clear-cut 5-1 win over Ryde.

North Sydney Inter were hard-pressed to down Marrickville 2-1 at the Marks Field.

Belmore might well surprise East Side in the Division II final.

Gladesville-Hornsby's ace goal-getter Bill Travers is back in the team, and scored a brace of good goals against St. Marys.

Whilst Enmore is the favorite, Gladesville's form gives them a chance in the Third Division final.

## Last Week's Results

First Division: Artarmon v. Ryde 5-1, North Sydney v. Marrickville 2-1.

Second Division: Belmore v. Guildford 3-1; East Side v. Warringah 5-2.

Third Division: Gladesville-Hornsby v. St. Marys 5-3; Enmore v. Dee Why 4-3.

## THIS WEEKEND

First Division: Artarmon v. North Sydney at Macarthur Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. East Side at Allum Park.

Third Division: Gladesville-Hornsby v. Enmore at Mackey Park.

● All games on Saturday at 3 p.m.



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